

MICHAEL F. EASLEY GOVERNOR

PEACE CORPS WEEK

2006

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the Peace Corps has become an enduring symbol of our nation's commitment to encourage progress, create opportunity, and expand development at the grass-roots level in the developing world; and

WHEREAS, more than 182,000 Americans have served as Peace Corps Volunteers in 138 countries since 1961; and

WHEREAS, over the past 45 years, 3,164 men and women from the state of North Carolina have responded to our nation's call to serve by joining the Peace Corps; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have made significant and lasting contributions around the world in agriculture, business development, information technology, education, health and HIV/AIDS, and the environment, and have improved the lives of individuals and communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers have strengthened the ties of friendship and understanding between the people of the United States and those of other countries; and

WHEREAS, Peace Corps Volunteers, enriched by their experiences overseas, have brought their communities throughout the United States a deeper understanding of other cultures and traditions, thereby bringing a domestic dividend to our nation; and

WHEREAS, it is indeed fitting to recognize the achievements of the Peace Corps and honor its Volunteers, past and present, and reaffirm our country's commitment to helping people help themselves throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do paFebruary 27 - March 5, 2006, as "PEACE CORPS WEEK" in North Carolina, and nce to all citizens.

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WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of the Capitol in Raleigh this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirtieth.